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Human Realations to Hold Public Hearing on Housing

House hunting problems. Problems in renting or buying housing. Problems in keeping housing. Problems in obtaining the necessary finances for housing. Compound these sample problems with being a member of the urban poor or the lower income groups, being a senior citizen, being a member of a minority group, being on welfare, and you come up with an even greater headache.

The Human Relations Commission is holding a public hearing to find out the exact status of housing in the city of Tacoma. The hearing will be held on October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and on October 24th at 9:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, County City Building, 930 Tacoma Avenue South.

The hearing does not intend to single out particular individuals or groups for criticism but to analyze the city's housing problems from its consequences.

An overview of the situation will be given by members of the City Planning Department, the Puget Sound Governmental Conference, the State Office of Community Development, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at the start of the hearing. Consumers, groups or agencies directly servicing housing needs, and representatives of providers - e.g. builders, financing companies, have also been invited to share their assessment of the situation. The opportunity to speak will be provided to members of the general audience wishing to address specific problem areas.

The hearing will be conducted by members of the Human Relations Commission with Anne Jacobson presiding as Chairperson.

Vacation Trip

The Rev. and Mrs. E.S. Brazill just returned from an extended vacation trip of five (5) weeks by way of plane, which took them to Buffalo, New York, where they attended the National Baptist Convention of America, U.S.A., Inc. which was held September 3-8th.

While in Buffalo, they went to Niagara Falls, Canada.

From New York they flew to Albany, Georgia and on to Jacksonville, Florida. There, Rev. Brazill visited with his aunts, (his mother's sisters).

From Albany, Georgia they flew to Houston, Texas.

They spent three weeks in Houston, where Mrs. Brazill had the privilege of being with her mother, (Mrs. Josephine McDavid) who is 95 years old. One of the highlights of the trip was a family re-union of Mrs. Brazill's family at their home town of Lockhart, Texas, where five of her Brothers, and four sisters joined together in a memorial family celebration.

One of the highlights of the trip was the honor Rev. Brazill had bestowed upon him was being asked to preach the 98th church anniversary and the 23rd Home-Coming at his home church, the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Houston, Texas on October 6th at both the morning service and the afternoon 3:00 P.M. service.

The Rev. A.D. McCraw is now Pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Trucking at Expo

SPOKANE---Phyllis Haynes captures the festive spirit of the Expo '74 World's Fair here. Expo, which opened May 4, will wind up its six-month run with a rousing series of activities and entertainment. By the time Expo closes Nov. 3, about five million people will have passed through the gates. Several nations, including the Soviet Union, Australia, Japan and Canada, have exhibits. So do several domestic corporations. A first as Expo is the Afro-American pavilion, one of the most popular attractions.

Council Prepares for Community Development

In anticipation of federal funds for community development coming to Tacoma, the City Council began several actions to set up a new department to handle the funds.

The council is expected to approve an ordinance setting up a city Department of Housing and Community Development of Tuesday. The new department would be responsible for physical improvement programs in the areas of housing, economic development, neighborhood improvements, urban redevelopment, conservation, and historic preservation.

Key staff positions were opened by the Council so they can be filled and so the people hired can begin developing the rest of the department. The new department is expected to be a merger of the Model Cities and Urban Renewal staffs.

Even when the two staffs are joined, they will continue to work on uncompleted Model Cities and Urban Renewal projects, so the formation of the new department will be a gradual merger. Department Director Gary Sullivan said that the two staffs would probably move into one office by April as the current leases end.

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Right On...

FROM THE

PUBLISHER'S PEN

by Fitzgerald Beaver
editor & publisher

Well, the school year has begun. Here in Seattle and King County there are over a million students back in school. Now each student represents a home with great ambition and expectations for its children and youth. The school year itself represents a significant responsibility for the teachers, and I think that the teachers should make sure of a successful year for the students. But, the parents should share with the teachers the responsibility for providing a successful experience for the students. Now for parents, one of the most important activities on any school day morning is getting the student ready to attend school. Now, getting him ready to attend school means a little bit more than a nourishing meal, and looking good. It also means that they should have a positive attitude about school, about class, about school mates, and above all, about themselves. Now I cannot stress this too strongly. Attitude, unquestionably, is one of the most important of all human forces. When the attitude is strong and positive, when it is in harmony with our best ideals, few genuine, worthwhile things are beyond our reach. When the attitude is troubled and under-nourished, life seems hardly worth the effort. The matter of attitude is where the parents can be without peer. The parents concern, strength, love, and positive attitude can perform miracles with the students. Then the teachers can do a better job also.

Now from my point of view, one of the most significant things a parent can do is help his youngster develop an attitude that will let him feel good about himself. This will let him build confidence in what he is doing and that will cause him to be willing to explore, cooperate, share and be enthusiastic about what life has to offer. So you are a parent, and no doubt you can think of many things to do that can help your child or young adult have a successful year. But my personal prayer is that this will be the finest educational year ever in the state of Washington and the city of Seattle, and that the educational hopes of both you and your children will be realized. RIGHT ON!

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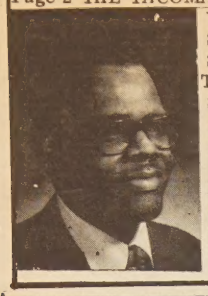

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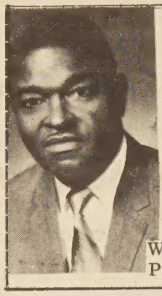

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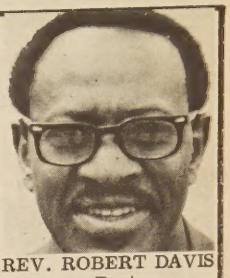

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Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. The combined choirs of Shiloh will render the song service.

Rev. Taylor is a dynamic Gospel Preacher, and he is Pastor of the Damascus Baptist Church of Seattle. Rev. E.S. Brazill is the Pastor of Shiloh.

Tacoma Urban League Seminar

"What Form-Citizen Education?" will be the topic of discussion for the Tacoma Urban League's seminar, Saturday, October 26. The seminar will be held at the Tacoma Community House, 1311 South M; registration is at 12:30 p.m. and the program begins at 1:00 p.m.

The seminar is free and open to the public. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend, and to join with fellow concerned citizens, civic officials and leading educators to determine the structure of possible future citizen education programs. The keynote position presentations will be made by Rev. Elijah H. Hankerson of Tacoma Community College, and Dr. John Jandali of the University of Puget Sound.

This seminar is supported in part by the Washington Commission for the Humanities, an agency of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Church News

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Boogie Down Tacoma

by Spencer L. Sears

I told you last weekend was going to be a power-packing one. "Readymade Family" was super bad at McChord Air Force Base according to Mr. Roger Laskey, president of the Northwest Consultant Corporation. "Jonah's Whale" had Ft. Lewis jumping so hard until they are starting a new Airborne Company. "360 Degrees" and the Masons really let it all hang out at the Rodeway Inn. "Magnum" really brought smoke at the Green Room. "Jonah's Whale" will be doing it to death at the Club Mariner from the 15th through the 19th of October. If the fish ain't biting now, I bet they will at least be jumping when "Jonah's Whale" gets through. Well, well! Check this out, the University of Washington will be jumping on the 18th of October because "Magnum" will be doing it! On the 19th they will be right back at the Amvets Hall, along with "Freedom".

Coming to Tacoma for the first time direct from Oakland will be "Bill Hermer and Sex Unlimited". "Tee McGee and the Rapid Pulsations" will be at the Club Caballeros this weekend.

"Che Che" has a special surprise for all who can Bump or want to learn how to Bump. Bumping is the latest dance here in Tacoma, and it is really a dance to see. So, "Che Che" wants to find out who is the best Bumping couple in Tacoma on the 15th and 16th of November. There will be another contest for cash, check this out on the 29th. If you want to do the Bump, be at the Amvets on the 18th and 19th, and the 25th of October and "Che Che" will teach you how to Bump. You can bet your last money it will be a blast for all. KEEP READING THE FACTS and STAY INFORMED.

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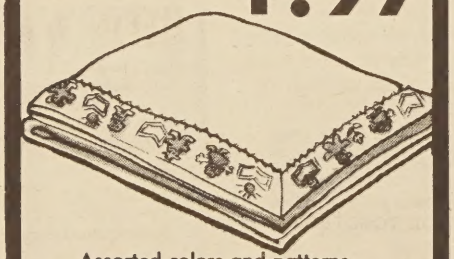

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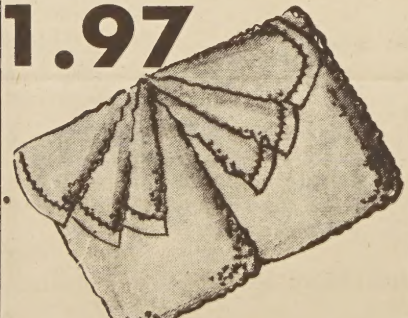

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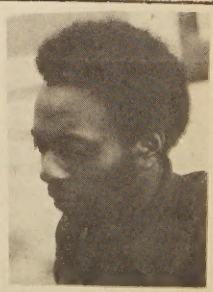

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MODEL CITIES NEWS

Committee Hopes to Solve Relocation Problem

MODEL CITIES Task Force members are trying to provide a service where the Model Cities Program leaves off by finding volunteer labor and donated materials to repair this home and make it liveable.

During the past few weeks, the Model Cities Task Forces and Executive Board, as well as the City Council, have been discussing the problems of permanent relocation.

The Model Cities Task Force has formed a committee to help one person who needs assistance but cannot be helped under current Model Cities programs. Junior N.R. Ellis, committee chairman, is looking for people who can donate materials and time to help Mrs. Leasie D. Lang, 1702 S. G St., repair her home.

When Mrs. Lang applied for home rehabilitation, an inspector from the Public Works Department told her that the home would require too many repairs to make it worth the investment. When this happens, the Housing Development Program has to close the case because funds are not available for permanent relocation and each rehabilitation has a limit of $5,000.

During the past few weeks, several concerned citizens have been trying to find a way to help Mrs. Lang relocate or make enough repairs to make the home liveable.

Model Cities was not able to help because current programs only allow temporary relocation while a home is being rehabilitated. To begin permanent relocation would cost about $20,000 for each case. The position of the Model Cities staff is that relocation cannot be offered to one person without offering it to all persons in similar conditions. Funds are not available to fund such an expensive program which would reach so few people. Model Cities Director Keith Palmquist said that he would rather see money put into home rehabilitation so more people could be helped.

Having met with these roadblocks, the Model Cities Task Force decided to take some action on its own. Thus it formed the committee to find materials and labor for rehabilitation of Mrs. Lang's house.

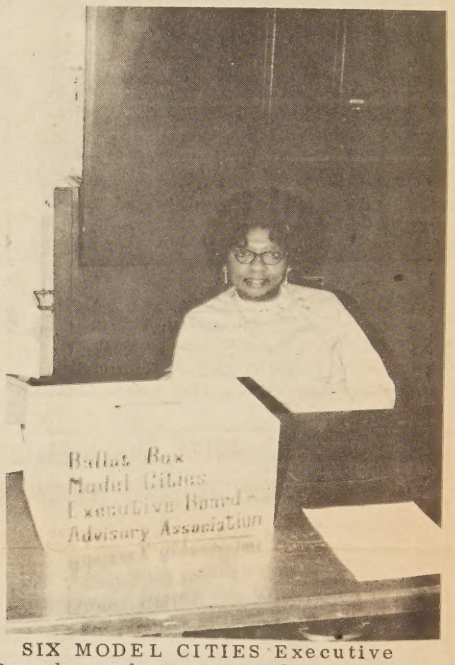
Mrs. Lang's house needs a variety of major repairs including a new roof, a new heating system (she has no heat), a new hot water heater, new wiring and foundation repairs in addition to safety hazards such as holes in the porch and steps which are falling apart.

Mrs. Lang's mortgage payments will end soon, and she is even willing to make those payments to someone who would help her fix up her home.

"My friends used to help me make repairs so I could keep the place up, but since they have died my house has gone down hill fast. If someone could get it back into good condition, I could keep it up," she said.

Anyone who could donate materials or time is asked to call Mr. Ellis at 383-1701.

Six Elected to Model Cities Board



SIX MODEL CITIES Executive Board members were elected in last week's election. Mrs. Leasie Lang works the polling place at the County-City Building.

Six persons were elected to the Model Cities Executive Board in the annual elections held last week.

Beulah Rankin, Ruth Daniels, Nancy McIntyre, and Deloris Brown were re-elected to 3-year terms on the board. Zelma McChristian was elected to her first 3-year term, and Charlotte Holmes was elected to her first 2-year term.

Mayor Gordon Johnston still has four positions to fill to complete the board. One name was withdrawn from the election in anticipation that the mayor would reappoint the people now serving in three of the positions.

The nomination committee was charged to submit a list of nominations for board officers at the next meeting. New officers must be elected at the board meeting following the annual election, according to the constitution and by-laws.

Group Home Still Needs Houseparents

The Model Cities Group Home is still looking for a couple to work as houseparents in their new group home for teenage boys.

The responsibilities of the job include maintaining the home, preparing meals, budgeting, and supervising the young men in these tasks. Applicants must be mature and have rapport with persons from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

For more information call 272-8133 or send your resume to Pierce County Homes for Youth, 1116 N. J St., Tacoma, Wash. 98403

Community Development Featured at Task Force

The Model Cities Combined Task Force will feature a slide presentation on the new Community Development legislation on Monday.

The task force will meet at McCarver School on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m., and the Housing-Manpower Task Force and Land Use Review Board will meet at 7 p.m. at McCarver on the same night.

In addition to the Community Development presentation, the meeting will include the usual reports from Model Cities projects, Executive Board, and staff.

Housing Hearings Planned October 23-24

With Community Development funds coming to Tacoma soon, it is an appropriate time for the hearings on housing problems scheduled for Oct. 23-24 by the Human Relations Commission.

The hearings have been planned to hear some of the concerns individuals and agencies have about housing in Tacoma. The commission wants to "analyze the critical social, economic, and environmental problems arising from the concentration of lower income and minority persons in our decaying central city."

The hearings will be held in the City Council Chambers on the Third floor of the County-City Building at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 and at 9 a.m. on Oct. 24.

MODEL CITIES NEWS

Need Help with Reading or Math?

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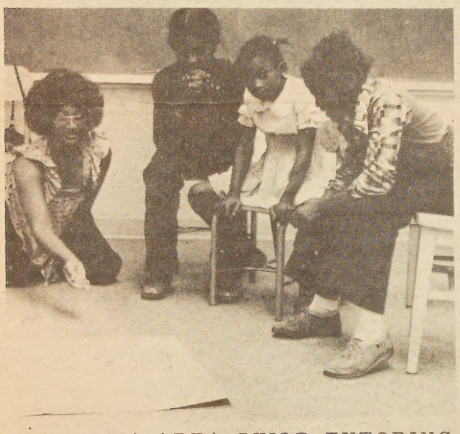

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Do you have some free time you could spend helping a child with math or reading?

If you can answer yes to either of these questions, the Tacoma Area Child Tutoring program may be able to assist you. TACT has started its fall program and is offering tutoring sessions every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at McCarver School.

Parents or teachers can recommend grade-school children who need help to the program. After the child has taken diagnostic tests, he or she will be assigned to a volunteer tutor. Tutors are volunteers from local schools or the community.

For more information call 272-4441.

October Drug Workshop Planned

The Drug Service System is planning another drug workshop on Oct. 30 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 18th and I Streets.

The workshop will include guest speakers similar to the successful session held last month.

Weatherman briefing the radio announcer: "Better break it to 'em gently. Just say partly cloudy with scattered showers followed by a hurricane."

Model Cities Must Look Beyond Boundries

Model Cities Director Keith Palmquist told members of the Citizens Advisory Association that Model Cities must look beyond the boundaries of the Model Neighborhood. He made his comments at the annual meeting of the association.

Mr. Palmquist said that he had warned the association for the past two years that it must expand its thinking beyond Model Cities. "The time for expansion is now," he added.

Referring to the new Community Development legislation as the means of this expansion, Mr. Palmquist outlined the new bill which will be used to consolidate Tacoma's Model Cities and Urban Renewal Departments into a new Department of Housing and Community Development. Tacoma expects to receive more than $2 million for the next three years under the bill.

During a question and answer period, Mr. Palmquist clarified some confusion about the restrictions on social programs under the Community Development Act. He said that funds were not for social programs but that funds could be used to build or improve physical facilities for social programs.

Mr. Palmquist told that board that the future of citizens participation under the new legislation would depend on the funds available, and the will of the Executive Board, citizens, and the mayor and City Council. "The means of involvement must be negotiated with the City Council."

Board Chairman Junior N.R. Ellis challenged board members to rededicate themselves to the task of citizens participation for better government.

Mr. Palmquist recommended that the board arrange a joint meeting with the City Council to discuss the future role of the board and the phase-out funding of Model Cities. Mr. Ellis said that he would arrange a meeting.

In reviewing the past year, Mr. Palmquist commended the board on its willingness to make tough decisions during the past year. He recalled the board's work of evaluating existing projects last year and making some tough decisions to cut projects which were not providing services or were providing duplicate services.

Mr. Palmquist added that the present Model Cities staff is better qualified than in the history of the program. He also said that Model Cities has offered valuable training to project staffs. During the recent reduction from 130 to 44 employees, many persons moved on to better jobs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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The council also approved a citizens ad hoc committee to help form Tacoma's plan for use of Community Development funds. Five members of the advisory committee will be appointed from the membership of the Model Cities Executive Board. Ten of the committee members must be from groups, businesses, or agencies directly involved in housing or community development. Five at-large members will complete the 20-member board.

Several persons recommended that the committee represent all geographical areas and as many special interests as possible. The handicapped and senior citizens were mentioned as groups which should be represented on the committee, as well as ethnic minority groups.

Mayor Gordon Johnston said that his appointments would represent the community as well as possible. The council must confirm his appointments.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY WORKING FOR HOMEOWNER

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY board members Bob Peters (l. to r.), Joe Devish, and Frank Crawford examine an application for home rehabilitation. Planning Manager Alonzo Foote Sr. works with the board in its deliberations allocating loan and grant funds for rehabilitation.

The Municipal Authority (MA) board members and Housing Development Program (HDP) staff have been working hard the past few weeks to insure that homeowners get quality rehabilitation work from contractors.

The MA spent most of its last meeting reviewing contracts which have not been completed by contractors who have gone out of business or who have not been able to complete the work. In each case the MA took the appropriate action to insure quality work and adjustments to homeowners.

The board also spent time discussing strategies for getting qualified contractors to bid on HDP projects. Currently 10 jobs are up for bid. Board members planned to contact contracting associations involved in home construction and remodeling to explain the Model Cities program and to encourage their participation in the bid process.

In other action the board accepted an agreement with the City Council to raise the rehabilitation limit on each home from $3,000 to $5,000. The council made the adjustment at a recent meeting.

The board also asked the staff to review all current applications to find any which are emergency cases, especially those with no heat or leaking roofs, to see if rehabilitation can begin before the bad weather hits.

ALBERT EINSTEIN once admitted that figuring out his U.S. income tax was beyond him—he had to go to a tax consultant. "This is too difficult for a mathematician," said Einstein. "It takes a philosopher."